

Highlights Of '49 Taken From Files Of Era & Express

JANUARY
Jan. 6: A blinding snow storm ushered in 1949, blocking highways and the roads in Newmarket and Aurora leaving New Years' celebrants stranded in snow-bound cars. Five-foot drifts were measured in Newmarket. Aurora was host to several stranded Yonge St. travellers.
Jan. 12: Milk prices are headed with an increase of one cent expected within a couple of days.
Jan. 20: Weather again in the headlines with wind and rain: flooding Fairy Lake and an icy highway at Vandevoort causing a 50-car traffic jam.
Jan. 27: Newmarket Recreation Commission prepares brief on artificial ice for presentation to council while in Aurora. There is talk that the council there has the project under consideration.

FEBRUARY
Feb. 3: Newmarket Recreation Commission puts 50-50 proposal to the town council and prepares for "all-out" campaign. Krikor Hekimian announces he will swim in the Holland River the following Sunday.
Feb. 10: Krikor had his swim and the Newmarket council agrees to the artificial ice proposal. Court of Revision orders industry revalued and assessors hand in resignation.
Feb. 17: Ice fund campaign committee organized in Newmarket. Assessors charged with "omitting duty". Four homes destroyed in fire at Lake Wilcox.
Feb. 24: Assessment issue is said "without precedent" and the Court of Revision is said to have overstepped authority. Fred Thompson is named chairman of Newmarket rink fund committee. Hunt arsonist in Lake Wilcox area.

MARCH
March 3: The artificial ice fund campaign is opened officially for the Newmarket Memorial arena. Mrs. James Sutherland was 101 on March 2 and Silas Armitage was 99 on February 25.
March 10: Charges of motor manslaughter, theft of a car were laid against Harold Bait, Holland Landing, after a wild chase by Newmarket police on the Glenview road. The chase ended in a crash which killed Norman Edwards, 17, Charles St., Newmarket. Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander, Brownhill, was 105 years old on Monday, March 15. The assessors' trial continued.
March 17: In the assessment trial N. L. Mathews, K.C., defence counsel, objected to the use of a transcript from a court of revision meeting earlier in the year. He said the assessors were made political footballs by the court of revision.
March 24: Magistrate Hollinrake reserved judgment until April 1 in the assessors' trial. Mrs. N. L. Mathews was elected to head the recreation commission.
March 31: The Newmarket artificial ice objective was set for \$20,000. In Aurora a brief was prepared for council proposing artificial ice by debenture.

APRIL
April 7: The new court of revision, named after three members were disqualified, reject assessment appeals against the six industries. An Aurora vote on an artificial ice debenture for \$65,000 was set for April 29.
April 14: At a meeting of the public school board, architects said that it would be a few weeks before tenders would be called on a new public school. The Newmarket Vets were considering the fair grounds for a memorial recreation park.
April 21: A conservation authority was being considered by Aurora and other municipalities. A lower mill rate was forecast for the town.
April 28: The artificial ice thermometer for Newmarket contributions stood at \$7,000. The town council indicated that it was in favor of a county health unit.

MAY
May 5: Aurora votes 3 to 1 in favor of debentures for artificial ice. Armitage Heights low-rental housing



A couple of well-bundled Brooklyntes are shown looking on as members of Coney Island's Iceberg Athletic club splash around in the Atlantic surf. The Iceberg club members annually turn out on Christmas Day for a dip in the icy waters. In addition, they regularly meet for an icy swim.

Armitage Hts., Rink Said Highlights Of Past Year

Newmarket Era and Express columnists and prominent citizens were asked this week what they considered the most important event or occurrence of 1949 to the town of Newmarket.

Following are their statements:

Mayor Joe Vale: "If first things come first, the most important work in Newmarket in 1949 was the completion of Armitage Heights building sub-division which brought 50 houses to the town, which are now occupied. Installation of artificial ice is a wonderful achievement that looks as though it will fill a tremendous need here."

Chief Constable Byron Burbridge: "The housing development is the thing that really counts in town for 1949. With greater housing provision, better use can be made of other town facilities with the increased revenue in the town. The most important thing to the police department are the meters on Main St. It is more work, but has cut double parking to a minimum, keeps traffic moving and cuts down on accidents."

Mrs. Ted Mitchell: "The new school and then the arena are the most important objectives undertaken in 1949. The town has taken an amazing stride in the building of Armitage Heights."

Mr. Silas Armitage: "I think getting the artificial ice in the rink is a very good thing for the children. It will help keep the boys off the street. I was well pleased with that."

Editor John Meyer: "The job the town has done on the arena is to me the greatest stride Newmarket made in 1949. It showed

WHITCHURCH GOES TO POLLS MONDAY

Whitchurch township voters will go to the polls on Monday, Jan. 2, to choose a deputy-revee and three councillors. Reeve Ed. Logan was acclaimed to a second year in office.

Ivan McLaughlin, who held the office of deputy-revee last year, is seeking re-election this year. He is opposed by Alex P. Campbell, a newcomer to municipal politics in Whitchurch.

All of last year's councillors are seeking re-election. They are Fred Timbers seeking a fifth year in council, P. S. Legge and R. C. Baycroft, both seeking a second year in office. Two other candidates are George Styles and Stanley Rule.

The nomination meeting was held on Monday, Dec. 26, with the township hall at Vandorf "comfortably filled." Township clerk John Crawford was chairman.

Coming Events

- Friday, Dec. 30** — Bingo in St. John's school, at 8 p.m. 20 games 35c. c1w49
- Thursday, Dec. 29** — Euchre in North Gwillimbury Memorial hall at 8:30 p.m. Admission 25c. Prizes and lunch. c1w52
- Friday, Dec. 30** — Special holiday dance at Mount Albert hall. Old-time and modern dancing to Charlie VanZant's orchestra. Lucky draw and special prizes. Sponsored by Sharon Junior Farmers. Admission 50c. Cafeteria lunch. c2w51
- Friday, Dec. 30** — Dance in North Gwillimbury Memorial hall, sponsored by the Keewick Optimist Club. Admission 50c per person. Sutton Orchestra. Cafeteria lunch. c1w52
- Saturday, Dec. 31** — Skating at the old year out and the New Year in at the community arena in Newmarket at 8 p.m. Skating Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. c1w52
- Sunday, Jan. 1** — New Year's dinner will be served at the King George hotel from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. c2w51
- Monday morning, Jan. 2** — At 12:05, Newmarket Lions Club New Year's dance in Newmarket high school. Music by Norm Burling's orchestra. Admission \$1 a couple. Novelties, favors, entertainment. c3w50
- Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1950** — Special Meeting Local 495 International Woodworkers of America for the purpose of nominations and elections of local officers for 1950. Time 8:00 p.m. sharp. Council Chambers, rear room. *1w52
- Thursday, Jan. 5** — Women's Institute community party, euchre, 500 and dancing, in the town hall at Mount Albert. All proceeds for Sick Children's Hospital. At 8:15, Admission 35c. c1w52
- Thursday, Jan. 5** — Euchre party sponsored by Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Legion Hall. 8 p.m. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission 35c. c2w52
- Wednesday, Jan. 11** — Newmarket Veterans' bingo in the town hall at 8 p.m. Share-the-wealth. Attendance prize \$5. Jack-pot \$40. Admission 35c. c2w52
- Thursday, Jan. 12** — Euchre in St. John's school, 8:15 p.m. Admission 35c. Lunch and prizes, sponsored by Catholic Women's League. c3w52
- Friday, Jan. 20** — Progressive games night sponsored by Business and Professional Women's Club. c1w52
- Tuesday, Jan. 24** — Illustrated talk on perennials by John E. Clarke. Sponsored by Newmarket Horticultural Society. Watch for further particulars. c1w52
- Thursday, Jan. 26** — Girl Guide Association tea to be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. McCaffrey, 51 Lorne Ave., Newmarket, from 3 to 5 p.m. c2w51
- Thursday, Jan. 26** — Progressive bridge in St. John's school at 8:15 p.m. Admission 50c. Prizes and refreshments. Come and progress with your own partner. c1w52
- Dancing every Saturday** at Blue Bird Inn to William Smith's orchestra. Old time and modern. c1w49
- Food Haven Inn**, outskirts of Bradford, specializing in Chinese dishes. "Chicken in the nest", steaks, chops. Catering. Phone Bradford 2146. c1w48
- Dance at Aurora High School** Auditorium every Saturday night. Admission 50 cents. c1w40
- Dancing every Saturday evening** at Club 14, Newmarket. Max Bong and his orchestra. c1w39
- Dance to Norm Burling and his Kingsmen** at Beeton Memorial Auditorium every Friday night. Admission 75c and 50c. c1w39
- Dance to Norm Burling and his Kingsmen** at Belhaven hall every Saturday night. Jack-pot and other prizes. Admission 50c. Cafeteria lunch. c1w43

1171 PAY TO SEE OPENER AT ARENA

It was a grand occasion for all those connected with the artificial ice drive to see the arena doors opened last Thursday. Ross Howlett's men were just under the wire Thursday in getting two dressing rooms ready for the hockey contest. Actually the teams had to use skating rooms. There were 1,171 paid admissions to the first game.

Further work is going forward to complete the home and visiting teams' rooms for the Thursday game with Bradford. It is expected these will be ready by that time. Another major step due for immediate attention is the building of a ramp that will enable the players of both teams to go to their benches directly under the seats at the south side.

Players' benches will be on the south side as soon as this work has been completed and players will step on the ice between the centre ice line and the west blue-line. The time-keepers and penalty box will be all that is left on the north side. These will be moved forward to allow a passageway along the north side.

Also to be installed in the near future is a pump that will enable the arena to utilize the water from the river for use in connection with the ice making equipment. This should prove a substantial saving on water costs.

Aurora Police Have Quietest Christmas

Aurora observed one of the quietest Christmas weekends on record this year. No calls were received by the town police force and no accidents were investigated. While there were many celebrations in the district, no one was arrested or charged with liquor violations.

It is believed that the same condition existed throughout the district as the local provincial police detachment received no calls of serious nature, but in Toronto drunks increased in number as did accidents.

Dry roads were attributed as being one prevention of accidents. Last year over Christmas weekend the streets were covered with snow and large banks of snow were piled on road shoulders.

It is expected that if the weather conditions stay as they are and the roads remain in good shape, New Year's celebrations will be nothing to worry about.

Drive Carefully--Burbidge

"The first New Year's resolution for every driver should be to spare someone's life for New Year's," says Chief Constable Byron Burbridge, Newmarket.

"It costs nothing and takes little time and effort. We should show goodwill by allowing others the right of way. Slow down for slippery roads, watch carefully for people and cars that are hard to see and don't drive after drinking," he says.

"Newmarket streets are more hazardous with increased traffic. With the seasonal shopping, delivering, the parties and children playing, more people are exposed to the risk of traffic accidents than at any other time of the year," warned Mr. Burbridge.

"For a safe New Year's, we must use the extra caution, common sense and courtesy that is needed. The celebrations of New Year's weekend can bring enough tragedy to make the whole year the blackest traffic accident year on record. Control of traffic accidents depends on every person who uses the streets, driving or walking," said Mr. Burbridge.

FIREMEN, ROD AND GUN

Golden Glow At Seasonal Parties

By GOLDEN GLOW

The Scout's hall on Cedar St. has seen a good many Christmas parties every year, and again this year I was a guest both at the Christmas party of the fire brigade and at the Rod and Gun Club celebration the week before. The latter was written up in last week's paper but I want to add a word or two of appreciation, for really we saw some wonderful films, one especially was outstanding, for John Fisher, who most of us know from his descriptive radio talks, was the narrator, and we all know what a wonderful gift of description he has. He took us for an airplane ride up in the Tanager district — and then he took us for a trip over a forest fire, and then we went with the fire fighters in their hazardous work putting out the fire — I can still see the poor dead stag, overtaken by the awful holocaust.

Another film showed an Englishman with his two dogs in a pheasant hunt, an old dog used

North Newmarket Taxpayers Ask Action On School

Residents of North Newmarket asked for a school tax refund or greater school accommodation and transportation for their children at a ratepayers' meeting of S.S. No. 3, East Gwillimbury, yesterday.

Most children in North Newmarket attend Newmarket schools at a cost of \$3 a month to their parents who also pay school taxes to East Gwillimbury. During the meeting, which was held at the schoolhouse, three miles north of Newmarket on Second St., property owners demanded that some action be taken. Although no decisions were made, it was agreed that the trustees meet with three representative ratepayers to discover what could be done.

There were only 18 at the meeting, seven from North Newmarket. Mrs. L. Coombs said that she would like to see the school tax refunded with North Newmarket children still attending Newmarket schools. Trustee Garfield Wright said that no tax bill had been brought to East Gwillimbury in his time to be voted on.

Mrs. C. A. Curtis declared that taxes could be refunded to those property owners living outside a three-mile radius of the school. "I think a union school with Newmarket would have been the logical solution to this problem," she said.

Trustee Wright said that East Gwillimbury sent petitions to both Newmarket council and the school board to have a union school with S. S. No. 3 and Newmarket. Mrs. Curtis suggested that the trustees plan additional accommodation at the school in the form of a wing and supply transportation for students outside the three-mile radius.

(When questioned this morning, Newmarket school board officials said that nothing had been addressed to the school board relating to a union school with East Gwillimbury.)

North Newmarket residents had sent a petition to East Gwillimbury to call a meeting and plan for more accommodation at the school. Trustee Wright declared that the petition should have been sent to the school board and not to the council to warrant action.

It was suggested by Mrs. Curtis that representatives go to the department of education and find out what could be done for more accommodation either at the school or at the south end of the school section. North Newmarket ratepayers declared that they would be sending children to S. S. No. 3 and that there would be no room for them. They declared that they paid a half again as much for water, light and other services and paid more to send children to school.

Garfield Wright was returned for another three-year term as school trustee. The two other trustees are John Gregg, chairman, and Sidney Jones.

Plan V.L.A. School For Home Building

A meeting is being held for the instruction of veterans who may be building under the Veterans' Land Act in the coming season on Jan. 12. The meeting, to be held at the V.L.A. offices, 14 Millard Ave., at 8 p.m., will include a discussion by local officials on the procedure a veteran follows to build a home under V.L.A.

Problems in practical instruction and the V.L.A. building standards will be discussed by the group. Similar meetings such as these are expected to be held at Barrie and Oshawa. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the local V.L.A. office.

The V.L.A. is going a bit beyond financing the veterans' ambition for a home of his own. Through the winter, 35 schools across the province will teach veterans to build their own homes. The western area, with headquarters at London, has had requests for tuition from civilians not officially entitled to the courses.

The courses are aimed at obtaining for the veteran who is building, the successive payments authorized under the act. The first lesson has to do with costs contracts and documentation. Courses list tuition in construction from excavation to final landscaping. The rudiments of such trades as carpentry, plumbing and plastering are taught.

In spite of rising construction costs, over 1,000 veterans have at least partially built homes in the Eastern Ontario district. Most of them were their own contractors, and did much of the work themselves. In Western Ontario, it is estimated that veterans saved themselves a million and a half dollars by building their own homes.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The final list of Lions club Christmas Baskets fund acknowledgments will be published next week.

Miss Jean Hunter Wins Vets \$100 Bond

Major prize-winners at the recent Newmarket Veterans' Association bingo and draw were: One-hundred dollar bond, Miss Jean Hunter, ton of coal, Mr. A. G. Lee, turkey, Mrs. Wheeler, R. R. 2, Newmarket.

The executive of the association thanks everyone who helped in making such a success of their Christmas bingo with a special thank-you to Miss Jean Hunter, who donated \$15 of her prize money towards the Christmas Benevolent Fund.

Pages from the Editor's Notebook

Newmarket has had a busy year, one in which there were some notable triumphs. The installation of artificial ice in the Newmarket Community Memorial Arena has done far more for Newmarket than to provide its skaters with a guaranteed ice surface. Those who shared in the voluntary labor, who contributed time and effort to the planning and canvassing, have re-established that intangible quality, a community spirit, without which no municipality can hope to prosper. Newmarket has been in the doldrums of the spirit in recent years. The artificial ice project restored a faith in the town, a willingness to contribute which if properly nourished will give us the will to succeed in the other endeavors which failed in the past.

The artificial ice project, because of its size and its general interest, is likely to overshadow other events which in their way contributed much to Newmarket. The first of these was the annual gladiolus show of the Newmarket Horticultural Society which, by the addition of an exhibition of art and handicrafts, and commercial displays, laid what could be the foundation of a revived town fair. The interest aroused by the show has encouraged plans for a vastly enlarged show in 1935.

Second, in order of time, was the Newmarket Trumpet Band which in the enthusiasm of the performers and those who witnessed the spectacle, gave hope for the establishment of an annual band festival in Newmarket. Although both the gladiolus

show and the band tattoo drew encouraging crowds, their importance is not to be measured by this but rather by the interest both events created and the fact that they were the first steps towards the development of events which, in time, could be brought to a level of interest far beyond the borders of the town.

The third success was that of the community bazaar which, originating on a small scale, developed into a large-scale success as enthusiasm of participants and buyers grew. There is no doubt now that the community bazaar will become an annual, even semi-annual, event.

The importance of these three events is that they had their birth in the abilities of members of the community. The contributions which made a success of the gladiolus show, the band tattoo and the community bazaar were not from outside the community (except in the competing bands in the tattoo). The elements of all three events came from Newmarket and as such, reflected the great wealth of talent and ability possessed by the town and given expression in town events.

The total of the artificial ice project, the gladiolus show, the band tattoo, and the community bazaar is a realization that Newmarket can do these things, that it has the ability, the energy and vision to make a success of what it has within its boundaries — and that is a precious accomplishment indeed for it is but a beginning and there is no end in sight.

From the Files of 25 and 50 Years Ago

DECEMBER 26, 1924

A large number of members and their friends of Lodge Loyalty, Aurora, and Newmarket S.O.E.B.S. attended a banquet on Dec. 12 in the Orange hall, Aurora, it being the 50th anniversary of the founding of the society. D.D. Bro. C. Evans, Newmarket, acted as chairman. Those who took part in the program were: Mrs. Montague, the Misses Montague, Master Jack Montague, the Aurora ladies' quartette, Mr. W. Brown, Miss Lillian Reeves, Bro. Stanley Waite, Miss Sadie Foster and Miss Edith Rowe.

Mrs. Garnet Armstrong, New Toronto, spent last Friday with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Jackson, on the occasion of her 81st birthday.

Good market on Saturday but buyers outnumbered sellers and there was not enough poultry to satisfy the general public. Turkeys were scarce and were picked up quickly at 40 cents a lb. Buyers were offering 20 cents a lb. for chickens, townpeople ran them up to 20 and 27 cents a lb. Butter remained firm at 40 cents a lb. and new laid eggs, 60 cents a doz.

An explosion occurred at Aurora on Dec. 22 in the laboratory of the Continental Match Company and resulted in the death of Edward E. Shortill, Toronto, the manager and promoter of the company. G. D. Reid, Toronto, the firm's chemist, was badly burned and cut about the face and head.

A family gathering was held at the Shaw home, Sharon, on Sunday prior to Mrs. Shaw leaving to spend the winter with her mother at Coleraine.

Mrs. Grant Mayor, Big Bay Point, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richardson, Vandonr.

A special meeting of the York Medical Association was held at Aurora last Thursday. Dr. Fred Hipwell, Western hospital, Toronto, gave an address on the care and treatment of diabetic patients. Officers elected were: pres., Dr. G. W. Williams, Aurora; vice-pres., Dr. S. W. Otton, Newmarket; sec., Dr. Sangster, Stouffville; treas., Dr. H. B. Freil, Stouffville; directors, Dr. S. P. Johns, Thornhill, Dr. F. A. Dales, Stouffville, and Dr. Langstaff, Richmond Hill.

There was skating at the arena on Christmas afternoon and evening.

Wednesday afternoon the Aurora Board of Trade distributed 900 bags of candies to the children of the town. Music was supplied by the Salvation Army band.

DECEMBER 29, 1899

There was only a small market last Saturday. Turkeys were up to 10 and 11 cents, geese, 6 and 7 cents. New laid eggs sold as high as 25 cents a doz.

Mr. Jas. W. Bunney, Ottawa, is spending the holidays with friends in town.

A family gathering of 15 took place at the residence of Mr. C. E. Cane on Christmas day, including Mrs. Cane, Mrs. Morrow and two daughters, Toronto, also Mr. and Mrs. Will Morrow, Coltau Landing, Que.

Mr. Hy. Hulse, Bradford, sold his heavy draught horse, "Pit-four Darnley" to Mr. John McKeegan, Forest, for \$1,050.

The greatest Christmas attraction in Newmarket was organized by Starr's book and news depot. Last Saturday Santa Claus drove through town with a load of toys.

Miss Alice Low, who has been teaching school in Essex county, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Hill, daughter of Mr. B. Cody, and her little boy, left for Hillsdale, Muskoka, on Saturday to spend Christmas holidays. She has accepted the position of teacher at Dwight and will commence her duties next week.

Col. Lloyd spent three or four days last week at the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, on the board of examiners.

Mrs. C. E. Cane was presented with a banquet lamp last Saturday evening by the members of her Sunday-school class of the Methodist church.

James Taylor, son of Mr. Jos. Taylor, Sutton, had part of his jaw torn away by his gun exploding while he was out hunting on Monday.

The separate school pupils held an entertainment last Friday afternoon and presented their teacher, Mr. W. C. Cunn, with a musical clock. Mr. Min-dorff has been accepted as substitute during Mr. Cain's absence in Ottawa.

The skating rink opened on Wednesday but there was not enough snow for sleighing. Good skating on the pond for Christmas day.

A Page of Opinions

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The Editorials:

Trend Towards Centralization

The province in recent years has made increasingly heavy grants towards the maintenance of municipal services. The province pays education grants of as high as 75 percent on building costs. It pays 50 percent of the cost of health unit administration. It offers a ten percent grant on police and fire protection. It pays road grants, conservation grants, recreation grants and memorial building grants.

Municipalities require this assistance because the demands made upon them are beyond their ability to provide from taxation. The provincial departments do not pay the grants, however, unless certain conditions are met by the municipalities. The result has been to restrict the authority of municipal administrations to terms imposed upon them by the larger authority of the province. In a word, the province has initiated and actively encourages a tendency towards the centralization of authority at Queen's Park.

To the province's credit, it must be said that the terms imposed upon the municipalities in payment of the grants have been designed to improve services in the municipalities. However well intentioned the motive, the fact remains that every time the province exercises its authority in this manner, it subtracts from the autonomy of the local governments. The danger is that without strong local governments, there can be no practical exercise of democratic processes.

More Pay For Council

We hope the Newmarket town council will not be troubled with false modesty in considering the proposal for increased compensation to council members advanced by the retiring councillor, Mr. R. C. Morrison. Increased payment for council duties is both to their personal advantage and to the advantage of the town. Many a council possibility has been discouraged from seeking office by the prospect of financial losses as a result of holding office. The time spent on council affairs in a municipality which has expanded as Newmarket has must in practice be deducted from time which might be spent improving the office holder's own prospects.

Newmarket citizens generally do not realize the amount of energy which must be directed towards municipal problems by council members. Statutory meetings are called twice a month in the winter, once a month during the summer. There have been, however, numerous "special" council meetings in addition to these, so that in fact, the council has met as frequently as once a week during some months. Additionally, the council members are attached to at least two standing committees as well as the odd special committee, and attendance at committee meetings can be as time-consuming as council meetings. Members of council too are constantly called by citizens with complaints and as justified as the complaints may be, dealing with them is all part of the attention a sincere councillor must devote to municipal affairs to the detriment of his own concerns.

Holding public office is an arduous task. To impose upon the office holder by permitting his office to be a hindrance financially is asking more than should be asked of him. Holding office in Newmarket will never offer a way to easy riches, but it should not penalize the citizen who has assumed this public duty. The Newmarket council has a strong case on behalf of increased payment. We hope they follow it to its conclusion.

The Forum:

Return To Private Trading

Bowmanville Statesman

Bulk trading between governments is not only unsound economically but creates international misunderstanding and ill-will.

Canadian farmers, through the war years, permitted their government to make bulk sales of food to Britain at prices far below world levels on the specific understanding that such a sacrifice would ensure post-war markets in the Old Country.

Governments don't work that way.

While such a deal might have been signed between private traders with a reasonable expectation of fulfillment, there is honor among individuals because contracts can contain penalty clauses enforceable in the courts. But will the Canadian government "sue" the British because they have now told us to peddle our surplus foodstuffs elsewhere?

And to add insult to injury, the Winnipeg Tribune points out that our \$2,000,000 government-financed gift of Canadian apples to the United Kingdom is being used for profit by the British politicians. The Tribune

states:

"The British ministry of food is placing them on the British market for sale at the same price as home-grown apples and imported apples for which the ministry paid full price. What is more the British consumer has no way of knowing where the apples came from or that they were sent over as a free gift to the British people. And this hugger-mugger is going on at a time when a section of the British Labor party is publicly blaming Canada for contributing to Britain's present financial straits. This ignorance on the part of many Britons about what Canada has done in the way of loans, gifts and moderately priced foodstuffs is largely the fault of the Canadian government."

The direction signs point to a return to private trading as the sanest and surest way to ensure long term trade.

The Missing Link

Swift Current Sun

How long is it since you have written or talked to your member of parliament?

Does he know what you think about the issues on which he is voting month by month? If he doesn't, how is he supposed to represent you?

Your job isn't over when you cast your ballot. You have as much responsibility to make your stand known to your representative as he has to make his stand known in parliament.

Especially is this the case today.

Government policies and practices play a bigger part in your daily life than ever before. This is a condition which you have approved. You have said that you believe government can do things for you which you cannot do for yourself.

But remember that the government is only the collective voice of you, and you, and you.

And if your voice isn't heard through your member of parliament, it is your own fault if the government does something you don't like.

Your member would like to hear from you, by letter, by personal chat. He needs and would like your guidance.

Speak up, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen. The floor is yours.

Sleds Still Prized

Stouffville Tribune

A big truck drew up behind a department store the other day and began to disgorge little sleighs that were carried into the store for the Christmas trade, notes the Ottawa Citizen.

Children's toys are constantly changing. Many simple playthings that delighted young Canadians in earlier generations have given place to mechanical toys. But the backbone of gift buying for children still is in dolls, candy, skates and sleighs and they have changed only moderately down through the years.

Hardly an adult Canadian but can recall his great joy when he found a sleigh under the Christmas tree. It may have been roughly made or highly ornamental, but to the child it was wonderful. In rural districts it was called a handsleigh to distinguish it from the big sleighs the horses hauled. In town it was often called a sled. It was one gift that a country child and a town youngster prized alike. Each could hardly wait to display it to his playmates and try it out on the nearest snow-covered hill.

An older man may recall that his sleigh was made by his father. Much love was put into the work and it required considerable ingenuity to keep the sled a secret for a Christmas morning surprise.

Many of the early sleds had hickory runners with no iron shoes and there was keen competition to see which would run the farthest at the foot of a snowy slope. Then came the iron runners and those sleds won. After that sleds appeared running on steel rods and they outlasted the older types.

Economic Democracy

(The Scene From Shingwauk Farm)

Those who complain that we have not economic democracy in our political democracy, do not really want economic democracy, or they would have it. Wherever people have been free to co-operate in whatever way they chose, economic democracy has existed to the extent that the people felt the need for it.

In Canada the people use many corporate forms through which they establish organizations and corporations which are democratic to whatever degree the co-operating parties find most desirable and efficient.

The co-operatives of Canada range all the way from farmers' co-operatives on Rochdale principles to mutual insurance companies, and to corporations in which shareholders govern by democratic selection of directors and executives.

Co-operation is the method by which big people of small means can engage in business for themselves, to their economic, social, political and personal benefit. Under Canadian democracy Canadians can practise communism in communistic communities, socialism in government, capitalism in co-operatives and corporations, and further any religious belief or economic creed. Canadians not only have the right to do these things, they do them every day. Those who deplore the lack of economic democracy in this country should get busy and provide whatever form or degree of it they need or desire.

Office Cat reports Catnips By Ginger

On Tuesday night I sent Isabella off to bed at midnight and sat down in the kitchen to write about the New Year — Ginger at the gateway of 1935.

I pictured me, Ginger, the old sage with graying whiskers, gazing into a crystal ball. Vainly I tried, groped for some thread, some little thing such as the symbol of progress for the new year. All I could see was a wrought iron parking meter at the forefront of progress.

It was not inspiring. The parking meter has bothered me ever since.

I thought of the most important event in town over the past year. All I could muster up in my mind was a remembrance of an assessment upheaval. That would be too touchy to deal with, for too many people.

So I read an excellent book until 3 o'clock in the morning. The book was published in the United States but one chapter tells about a man who lives in Canada, Harry Alconer McLean, whose amiable eccentricity consists in giving away money from time to time as the fancy seizes him.

One day he turned up at a Toronto soldiers' hospital and handed out hundred dollar bills to patients and nurses to the tune of about \$1,200. Another day he enjoyed a musical comedy and sent every member of the chorus a mink coat. Several of the girls didn't have enough cash to pay the duty on the coats when they went back to the United States and had to sell them on the Canadian side.

The Result of Ginger's Meditations

There he goes. Bearded forty-nine. Everyone knows He's had his time

Here's the squirt. Tooting his horn: Nineteen fifty Has just been born.

If Stalin's dead

And the prince has a brother,

If China's all Red

And the Dionne's have another.

What's the difference?

We're just getting older

Every occurrence

Is just history over.

Just another year.

When it's all done,

May you all be here

For nineteen fifty-one.

by "Back Concession"

The Top Six Inches

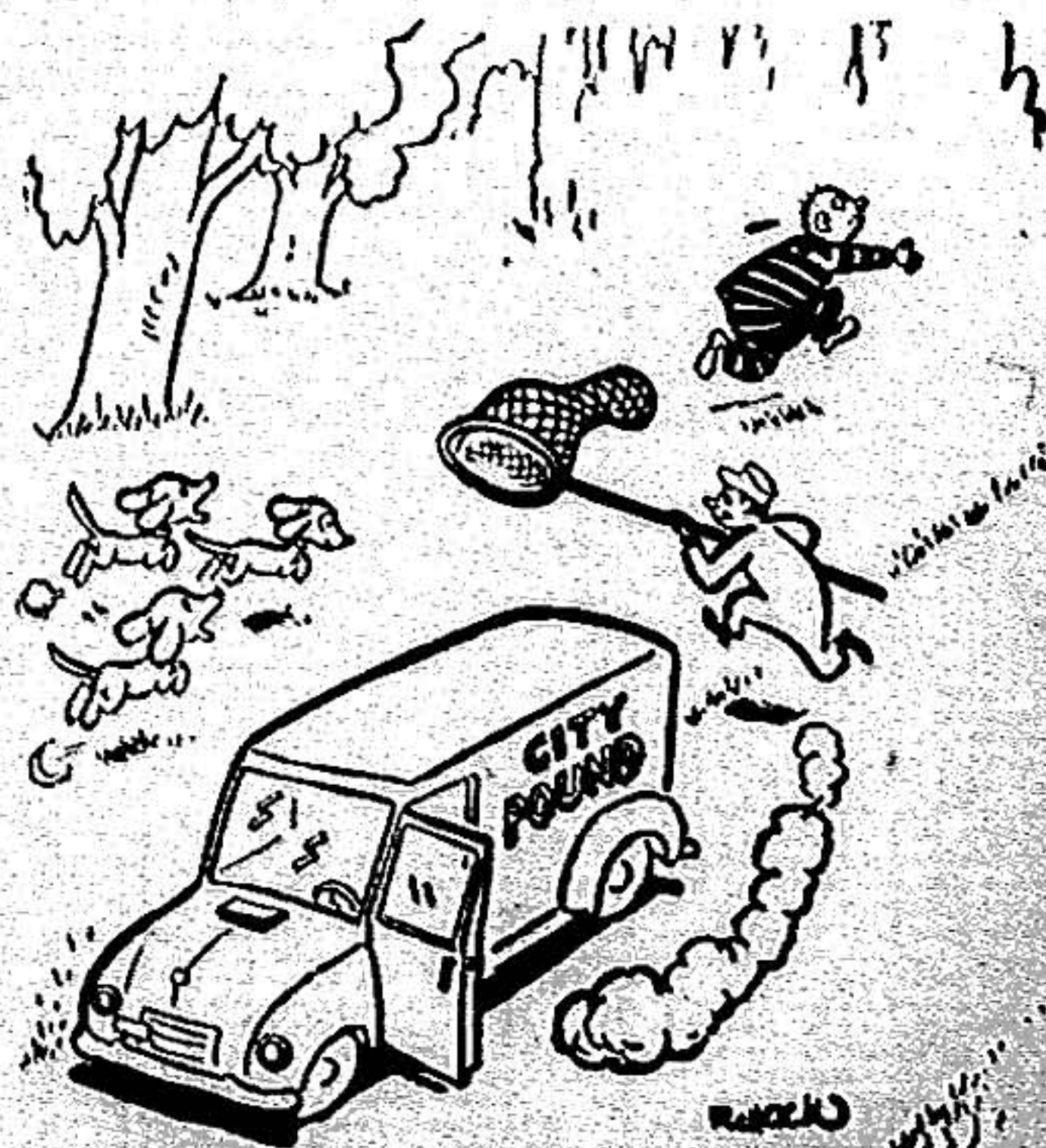
On Christmas, Sundays and holidays on the farm our stock expect to be fed and cared for the same as any other day. When the farmer provides feed and shelter we have peace and contentment in our barns. One Christmas morning our collic dog did not meet us at the stable door. In the feed room were four little puppies. When this was announced in the house all toys and candy were forgotten, even mother went down to the barn to see the new puppies. Would food and shelter bring peace and goodwill to all nations of the world? When mother told us the story of the new-born King, father would tell how the cattle in the barn Christmas Eve at high 12 would kneel down.

We often wondered how the cattle would know the time and date. Cattle in getting up on their feet raise the hind quarters first. This does leave them on their knees. As cattle get up and down often there is no doubt that some cattle would be on their knees at that time. We heard an address on the clay in the hands of the Master Builder. When the vessel is marred or spoiled the workmen did not discard the clay but remolded it into something useful and beautiful. And our lives are in the hands of the Master Builder to be shaped and directed. This man gave some wonderful thoughts and at the same time his personal life is weighted with sorrow. Yet he spoke without any trace of bitterness.

Our world economy, like the lump of clay, is far from useful or nice to look on. People of the world need our food and we need to sell. And yet we have tariffs, exchange, organized groups, labor unions and many other things to hinder the free exchange of goods. Will our world economy like the clay vessel have to be rebuilt? For the master plan to work all our security as we see it today will have to be set aside. All man is doing now is to try to get security for a few small groups. We have plenty of people in our community that would like to attend church, but are afraid someone will think they have gone soft. Leaders in industry and labor know what we are trying to do just can't be done. We expect Britain to pay in dollars instead of in goods. Everyone wants the other fellow to think we are smart. Unless we are smart and change our way of thinking and acting, we are headed for real trouble. Our world economy may be in the hands of the Great Architect of the universe and it looks now as if it is breaking down to a mass of shapeless clay.

Our world economy to emerge in a perfect system needs one weight and measure, equal rights to all people and nations of the world. Our Bible teaches us to be humble and meek. If we practise this we will never get into trouble. When we try to force our way of thinking and our opinions we do get in trouble. As this is being written a news commentator on the air is advocating lending more money, taking over debt, more Marshall plan. We on this side trying to tell other people what to do, so that we can maintain our way of living. Men are trying to hold to the old instead of looking to the new. Our interest system just can't supply the world today. And yet so very few people would take time to think and study anything else.

Should we suggest that the answer for any trouble is in the Bible, to couple Christianity with economy, to ask our church people to study and take the lead? Cheerio.



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Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fines and
David of Aurora had Sunday tea
with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baber
and family.
Mr. R. B. Brown and Mr.
Basil Baber attended the Christ-
mas party at the Mission in Tor-
onto where Rev. J. Addison is the
minister. Wesley Women's
Association donated 72 bags of
candy for this mission.
Mr. Lorne Wilson of Moose
Jaw, Sask., and Mr. Allan Love-
less, Agincourt, visited their
cousin, Mrs. H. White.
Miss Audrey Switzer, Toron-
to, is staying with her mother,
Mrs. H. A. Switzer, who is ill,
for a couple of weeks.
The Connaught tunnel through
Mount Macdonald in the Rockies
is more than five miles long.
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ARMITAGE
Despite a very rainy night, a
good crowd turned out to the
Christmas concert held in the
school, and the teacher and
pupils are to be congratulated on
their program.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter
spent Christmas with Mr. and
Mrs. C. Tugwell and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Morley Cook
spent Monday with Mrs. Cook's
sister and brother-in-law, Mr.
and Mrs. Joe Fockler and family,
Ringwood.
Mrs. Ruth Nixon and Brenda
are spending the holidays with
her parents at Streetsville.
Congratulations to Mr. Rich-
ard Pattison on his engagement to
Miss Mary Forrest. The wed-
ding will take place early in the
spring.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beckett
spent Christmas with Mrs. Beck-
ett's brother and family.
Holiday house-guests at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred
Lewis included Miss L. Dawson,
Banff, Alta., Miss Arleta Gar-
butt and Mr. John Lewis, Toron-
to.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thornton
and Patti spent Christmas with
their parents in Huntsville.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lewis
spent Christmas day with Mr.
and Mrs. J. C. Shackleton and
family, Toronto.
The Lewis homestead was the
scene of a gay Christmas party
on Monday when dinner guests
included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lewis
and family of Alliston, Mr. and
Mrs. Bruce Lewis and Miss Anna
Lewis, Toronto, and Mr. and
Mrs. Elman Campbell, Newmar-
ket. It was also Miss Jean
Lewis' birthday.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chap-
pelle spent Christmas day with
Mrs. Chappelle's mother, Mrs. J.
McCarnan.
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reid
spent Christmas day with Mr.
Reid's sister in Aurora.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Johnston,
Beth and Donald, Mrs. G. Wed-
dell, Mrs. G. Breckon and Mrs.
W. Wilson were Christmas day
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt.
Lewis and family.
Master Donald Lewis is spend-
ing the holidays with his cousin,
John Shackleton, in Toronto, and
Misses Joan and Barbara Lewis
left on Wednesday to visit their
cousin, Mary Shackleton.
We are glad to report that
Mrs. Bertha Chappelle, who has
been ill, is able to be out again
and with her brother, Al, spent
Christmas day at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lane, New-
market.
Country Acres was the scene
of a happy Christmas party on
Sunday when approximately 50
sat down to dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stickland
of Keswick spent Monday with
Mr. and Mrs. Carman Sheridan
and family.
Mr. Thornton Bales left on
Tuesday to spend the winter in
Florida.
The next Community Club
dance will be on Friday night,
Jan. 13.
Well, it's just 51 weeks until
Christmas - you figure out the
shopping days - but New Year's
is here, so Happy New Year,
everybody!
MOUNT PISGAH
We would like to take this
opportunity of extending the
sympathy of the community to
the family of the late Jack
Moynihan who passed away at
his home in Burlington on Sat-
urday of last week. Quite a few
from this district attended the
funeral in Burlington on Tues-
day, Jan. 13.
Mrs. Acey, who has been with
her daughter at Pembroke for
some time, now is again staying
with the Browns.
As far as we can find out most
of the families were together for
the usual Christmas dinners.
Mr. Ted Barlow was able to be
home with his family for Christ-
mas but had to return to Sun-
brook again.
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Holmes,
Agincourt, visited Mr. and Mrs.
Wm. Ash from Friday to Tues-
day.
A few more cases of mumps
are in the community and we
hope they will recover quickly.
Also a speedy recovery to Mr.
Jack Gamble who was quite ill
over the holiday and to Mr.
Richard Wilton who has been ill
for some time.
Miss Sheila Ash is visiting
Mr. and Mrs. Art Peck and fam-
ily for a week's holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Evans
and Donnie visited friends in
Toronto on Saturday.
Mrs. D. Crawford, Baldwin,
was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. J.
Ash during the weekend.
Steam railways in Canada
have 42,355 miles in operation.

KESWICK
The annual Christmas enter-
tainment was held at the Kes-
wick Christian church on Tues-
day night, Dec. 20.
After the children had provid-
ed their part of the program, a
sound film was given.
Our good friend, Mr. Tice,
Newmarket, was unable to pre-
pare a Christmas film, but gave
us a splendid imaginary trip
through the magnificent Cana-
dian Rockies. And as a grand
finale the hymn, "Master, the
Tempest is Raging," in all its
beauty and scriptural signifi-
cance was thrown on the screen.
Suddenly Santa Claus burst
in through the door, conspicuous
in his red suit and white whisk-
ers. In his usual brisk manner
and with many hearty laughs, he
distributed the gifts.
The Christmas tree was a
splendid specimen brought direct
from Jerusalem.
And, of course, everyone went
home quite happy.
It's a pleasure to welcome
home for the holiday season so
many of our young folk includ-
ed are Ruth Mary and Gordon
Winch, Agnes, Margaret and
Isabel Campbell, Mary Morton,
Peggy Locke and Doreen Niles,
all of Toronto, Bob Stinson and
Bob Winch, Guelph, Phyllis
Winch, Comber, Donald Winch,
Tulsa, Oklahoma, Penny Jane
Stork, Whitby, and Dan Mahoney,
R.C.A.F., Aylmer.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luesby and
Bryan, Newmarket, Miss Mabel
Mooney and Miss Lynne Cowie-
son, Toronto, were Sunday
guests at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Angus Cowieson.
Mr. Clayton Purdy and Mr.
Bill Purdy were Christmas day
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace
Purdy, Long Branch.
Mrs. R. A. Gilroy and Miss
Eva Gilroy are spending the
holiday season with their fam-
ily at Oakville.
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Waldon
were guests of their family in
Toronto over the holiday week-
end.
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sedore, Tor-
onto, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted
Marriott and family, Newmarket,
were entertained on Sunday at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Marriott.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkin-
son and family, Sharon, were
guests on Monday of Mr. and
Mrs. Elmer King.
Mr. and Mrs. George White
spent Monday in Toronto the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.
Mr. Wallace Donnell and Mrs.
R. J. Stork are spending the
holidays at their home here.
Miss May Sprague spent
Christmas at Newmarket, the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest
Sprague.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson
and Tommy, Toronto, were
guests on Monday of Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Marriott.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tomlinson
and Ivan, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A.
Hamilton were Christmas Sun-
day guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Stewart Stinson.
Mrs. Angus Cowieson and
Ronnie are visiting Mrs. Cowie-
son's parents, Mr. and Mrs. New-
ell, at Paris, Ont., this week.
Christmas Monday guests at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A.
Morton were Mr. and Mrs. O.
Hutchinson, Bob and Carolyn,
Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon
McEachern and Ronnie, Can-
nington, Mr. Witold Zajackow-
ski and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ham-
ilton.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bothwell,
Toronto, spent Christmas week-
end with Mrs. Bothwell's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. George
Hamilton.
(Delayed)
Mr. and Mrs. Redditt and
family are spending Christmas
with friends in Cannington.
Grant Redditt of Toronto is join-
ing them for the holiday.
Mrs. A. Gilroy and Miss Eva
Gilroy are in Oakville at the
home of Mr. Rus. Gilroy for the
holiday week.
Rev. R. J. and Mrs. Serrick
and two daughters were in
Ringwood for Christmas.
Keswick's new post office is
expected to be ready early in
the new year. Post master Con-
nell reports a record heavy mail
for Christmas.
Miss Nancy Daley left for
home in Magnetawan for the
holidays and Miss O'Brien, pri-
mary teacher, will spend her
holidays at her home in Colling-
wood.
Mrs. John Van Norman, who
we are sorry to report, is confin-
ed to bed, celebrated her 86th
birthday on Saturday, Dec. 24.
We extend congratulations.
Miss Belle Marriott, Niagara
Falls, and Miss Myrtle Lloyd,
Toronto, spent Christmas at the
home of Mrs. J. Van Norman.
Miss Bessie Terry is visiting
friends in Toronto for Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Hannah were
in Toronto for Christmas.
MOUNT PLEASANT
(Delayed)
Mrs. Bernard Davidson and
Miss Iva Stiles, Reg. N., spent a
few days in the city last week.
Our sympathy is extended to
Mr. Robert Davidson on the
death of his brother, Mr. David
Davidson of Scarboro Jt., who
passed away in the Toronto Gen-
eral hospital.
Happy New Year to all.
Brokenshire, Willowdale, Mr.
and Mr. Chas. Morris, Tadmor-
den, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dutton
and Mr. and Mrs. James Crom-
bie, Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Harding and
daughter, Sandra, spent the hol-
idays with Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
Jorgensen and son, Toronto.

RAVENSHOE
The election of officers for the
W.A. will be held Wednesday
evening, Jan. 4, at 8 p.m., at the
home of Mrs. Elmer Hamilton.
All are urged to attend this
meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Breen and
family spent Christmas with
Mrs. Breen's brother at Angus.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose had
Christmas on Monday with Mrs.
Rose's mother and family at
Richmond Hill.
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Blizard
and Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Rose
and family spent Christmas with
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sedore,
Jackson's Point.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Cryderman
and Earle had Christmas at Bel-
haven with Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Davidson.
Those who celebrated Christ-
mas at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Perry were Miss
Anne Perry and Mrs. G. Penfold,
Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs.
Shanks and family of Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holborn
and Linda spent Christmas with
Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole.
Congratulations to Mr. and
Mrs. Irwin Shaw who were
married last Wednesday.
KETTLEBY
(Delayed)
We are all glad to know that
Mr. R. Hunter is improving.
On Friday, Dec. 16, Christ
church Sunday-school held its
annual Christmas tree and con-
cert. The teachers and some of
the children put on a pageant
called "No Room in the Inn." Great
credit must be given to them
all for a wonderful perfor-
mance and the way they
were all dressed for their spe-
cial parts. Carols were sung in
the background which fitted in-
to the story.
After the pageant, several of
the smaller children gave read-
ings etc. Great excitement pre-
vailed when Santa rushed into
the hall ringing his sleigh bells.
Every child present received a
gift and a bag of goodies from
Santa.
Refreshments were served, and
to top off the wonderful even-
ing, a member of the congrega-
tion sent five gallons of ice
cream so everyone could have
all he could eat.
The Farm Forum met at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Web-
ster, when instead of the usual
program, a social evening was
held which was greatly enjoyed
by all present. The next meet-
ing will be held on Jan. 9, 1950,
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.
Wood.
HOLT
(Delayed)
Because of the death of
Marvin Rutledge the Sunday-
school program was postponed to
Tuesday evening, Dec. 27.
A large crowd attended the
public school concert on Friday
night, Dec. 16.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson
and Judy spent Saturday, Dec.
17, with Mr. and Mrs. Murray
Rutledge, Orillia.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warren,
Mount Albert, spent Sunday,
Dec. 18, as guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Harvey Gibney.
Mr. and Mrs. John Coates,
Newmarket, spent Sunday, Dec.
18, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Coates.
Mr. Mulock Pegg, Sutton
West, spent a few days at the
home of his daughter, Mrs. Roy
Edwards.
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Marles and
Barbara were guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Murray Pegg, Mount Al-
bert, Sunday, Dec. 18.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunn-
ingham, Mount Albert, were guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibney
Sunday, Dec. 18.
The Holt correspondent joins
in wishing all her readers and
everyone a happy and prosper-
ous New Year.

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Lepard—In loving memory of Ethel Lillian Lepard who passed away December 25, 1948. Peaceful be your rest, dear mother. It is sweet to breathe thy name; In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same. Your Maryland children, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Carvel H. Tutor.

Lepard—In loving memory of our dear father and mother who passed away January 4, 1943, and December 25, 1948. Sometimes a note of an old-fashioned song Brings us a thought of you; Sometimes a flower as we pass along, Or a sky that is azure blue; Or a silver lining in the clouds When the sunshine's peeping through. The rolling stream of life goes on, But still the empty chairs Remind us of the face, the smile, Of ones who once sat there. Ever lovingly remembered by the family.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends, neighbors, relatives and Dr. MacPherson and nurses for many kindnesses and messages of sympathy tendered during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. The Moorhead family.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to extend sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness, messages of love and beautiful floral offerings from our many relatives and friends during the illness and death of our dear mother. Hattie Cutting and Mrs. Janey Archibald.

CARD OF THANKS Mrs. M. Rutledge and family wish to thank their friends and neighbors for expressions of sympathy and condolence and beautiful floral tributes extended to them during the illness and death of a dear husband and father.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank everyone who helped make our Santa Claus parade in Holland Landing a success. Parade committee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of LILLIAN ELLAVEINA SMALLEY All persons having claims against the Estate of Lillian Ellaveina Smalley, late of the Town of Newmarket, spinster, deceased, who died on or about the 9th day of November, 1949, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned Administrator, on or before the 1st day of February, 1950, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said 1st day of February, 1950, the assets of the deceased will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which the Administrator shall then have notice. Dated at Newmarket this 20th day of December, 1949. The Royal Trust Company, Administrator, 66 King St. West, Toronto, Ontario. By Messrs. Mathews, Stiver, Lyons & Vale, Their Solicitors herein. c3w51

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of ROBERT CARTER SMITH, LATE OF THE TOWN OF NEW MARKET, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, MERCHANT. Creditors of the above-named deceased, who died at the Town of Newmarket, in the County of York, on or about the 23rd day of May, 1949, are hereby notified pursuant to the Trustee Act to send to the undersigned proof of their claim on or before the 1st day of February, 1950, after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned will then have notice. Dated at Newmarket this 21st day of December, A.D. 1949. Maxwell R. Smith and Co., Executors, by their Solicitors, Mathews, Stiver, Lyons & Vale, Newmarket, Ont. c3w52

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DEATHS

Falcon—At York County hospital, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. George Falcon, Lake Wilcox, a son.

Hollingshead—At York County hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hollingshead, Holland Landing, a son.

Magdy—At York County hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Magdy, 263 Crawford St., Toronto, a daughter.

Ough—At St. John's, Newfoundland, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ough, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Renwick—At York County hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Renwick, Lake Wilcox, a daughter.

Rutledge—Betty (nee Fairless) and Harold are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Robert Alexander, at the Private Patients, Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, Friday, Dec. 23, 1949.

Snelgrove—At York County hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. James Snelgrove, King, a daughter.

Sneep—At York County hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Sneep, R. R. 2, Newmarket, a son.

Sramek—At York County hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Sramek, Newmarket, a daughter.

Tenaka—At York County hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Torao Tenaka, Bradford, a daughter.

York—At York County hospital, Sunday, Dec. 25, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. James York, Georgina Island, a daughter.

DEATHS

Jackson—On Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1949, at Sutton Private Hospital, Eva Viola, daughter of the late Edward and Agnes Jackson and sister of Edna (Mrs. Hector Cameron), Jackson's Point.

Interment St. John's cemetery, Norway, Toronto, on Friday.

Patterson—At his residence, 32 Maple St., Aurora, on Thursday, Dec. 22, 1949, Edward George Patterson, in his 84th year, husband of Eliza Jane Dillon, and father of Mabel, Grace, at home; Gladys (Mrs. H. Cassan), James D., Gerald B., of Peterboro; Harold R. of Schenectady, N.Y., and the late Frank E. Patterson.

Interment Aurora cemetery on Saturday.

SALE REGISTER

Thursday, Jan. 5—Auction sale of Follitt's garage, service station, booth and cabins, tools and equipment, the property of Walter Follitt, lot 28, con. 5, King, 1-2 mile west of Kettleby. Terms of sale cash. Property terms arranged. Subject to reserve bid. Sale under cover with heat. Sale at 12 o'clock noon. L. S. Mount, clerk; F. N. Smith, auctioneer. *2w52

Tuesday, Jan. 10—Auction sale of stock, implements, feed and grain, the property of G. C. Cook, north half lot 33, con. 5, King twp.; at Kettleby. Terms cash. Sale at 1 p.m. L. S. Mount, clerk; F. N. Smith, auctioneer. *2w52

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Santa Claus Parades At Holland Landing

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Holland Landing demonstrated just what a small village can do if it tries. It staged a Santa Claus parade which would have done credit to a far larger community. Over a mile in length, it was comprised of 18 floats (of which only one was commercial), four decorated cars, horses and clowns.

Preceded by a top-hatted, "pink"-coated huntsman on a spirited buckskin horse, the Newmarket Citizens' Band played the parade through the crowded village. Although all the floats were given a big hand, the Old Woman in the Shoe and that of the Rod and Gun Club were most popular. The latter was a realistic depiction of wild

life, including live pheasants. There were also six coursing greyhounds following a life-like bunny. One of the most striking costumes was that of the popular store-keeper, Pop Walker, who wore the Kilt his sister gave him in Scotland 52 years ago. He and his beautiful Scotch Collie were popular ambassadors from the Land of the Heather.

After making the round of the village, the parade halted at the Community Hall where Santa Claus held court for nearly 300 children, each of whom received gifts of candy and oranges. This was Holland Landing's

OBITUARY

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Mr. Rutledge was a farmer and also a road superintendent for 30 years. He attended the Free Methodist church and was a member of the Masons, I.O.O.F. and Orange Lodges.

Surviving are sons Carman, Bruce, Murray, Lorne and Aubrey and daughters Etoile (Mrs. H. Kennedy), Muriel and Bernice; brothers Alex., Robert, Leston, Merton and Guy and sisters Mrs. Peregrine, Mrs. Widdifield, Mrs. Ostley, Mrs. R. Clarkson, Mrs. P. Clarkson and Mrs. W. Hamilton. Nine grandchildren survive.

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

REV. HENRY COTTON, MINISTER HERMAN G. FOWLER, MUS. BAC., ORGANIST

11 A.M. "FACING THE FUTURE" NURSERY, BEGINNERS, PRIMARY, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL

7 P.M. "THE POWER TO SEE IT THROUGH" START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY COMING TO CHURCH

SUNDAY, JAN. 8 - COMMUNION AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau B.D., S.T.D., Minister Miss Mae Patterson A.T.C.M., Organist 11 a.m.—Divine worship "DEAD CHURCH" 2:30 p.m.—Sabbath school 7 p.m.—Divine worship "BEAUTY CONTESTS ANCIENT AND MODERN"

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE REV. A. E. PETERSEN, Minister MISS JUNE HAINES, Organist JERRY BLACK, Choir Director 10 a.m.—Sunday-school 11 a.m.—New Year's message 7 p.m.—Evangelistic message Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service Friday, 8 p.m.—Junior Society 8 p.m.—Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Rogers, colored singers, will conduct the N.Y.P. service.

WEEK OF PRAYER Services Start at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3—Gospel Tabernacle. Special speaker: Rev. F. A. Daw. Wednesday, Jan. 4—Free Methodist church. Speaker: Rev. A. E. Peterson. Thursday, Jan. 5—St. Paul's church. Speaker: Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau. Friday, Jan. 6—Trinity United church. Speaker: Rev. J. T. Rhodes.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH REV. F. A. DAW, Pastor 10 a.m.—Sunday-school Miss Clara E. Crowder, Supt. 11 a.m.—Divine worship 7 p.m.—Evangelistic message Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service Saturday, Dec. 31—Watch-night service All are welcome

CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH REV. FRED BRECKON, Pastor MISS J. E. CANE, Organist 11 a.m.—Morning worship 2:30 p.m.—Sunday-school 7 p.m.—Divine worship

THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE 12 Millard Ave. 9:50 a.m.—Bible school 11 a.m.—The pastor speaks 7 p.m.—The pastor speaks 8:30—Young People

Because of unexpected circumstances THE KING GEORGE HOTEL DINING ROOM WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY NEW YEAR'S DAY WE WISH ALL OUR PATRONS A HAPPY 1950

HERE'S TO A THRIFTY 1950

Harvey Lane's Drug Store 108 MAIN ST. NEWMARKET

brush owned by Arthur Smithson, R. R. 1, Bradford. Williamson said that the approach of bright lights had blinded him. He suffered from cuts on the hands caused by flying windshield glass. Newmarket constable James Leeder investigated the accident.

An Aurora Opinion

By
RAY WILLIAMS
Aurora Editor

It seems only a short time ago that we bade adieu to 1948. And now, 1949 has also rolled by.

In 1950, one change which will affect Aurora is the introduction of a new mayor. Mr. Alex. Bell, a resident of Aurora for most of his life, will take over the office of chief magistrate.

But long before Mr. Bell takes office he has two strikes against him. There are people in Aurora who scorn the election of an inexperienced man to the Aurora mayoralty, and they feel that with no experience in municipal affairs, Mr. Bell will find the job as mayor too much for him.

Earlier this month, Mr. Bell defeated an ex-mayor by 62 votes. Mr. Bell, the inexperienced candidate, was the people's choice.

Experience is helpful to any municipal office holder but it is not necessary. Mayor-elect Bell has excellent agencies of advice at his disposal. The municipal board is a five-minute phone call away. The town clerk and treasurer is at his elbow. The town solicitor is readily available. And, of course, his council is thoroughly experienced.

This talk about lack of experience is so much nonsense. Plenty of experienced mayors have made fools of themselves and their municipalities. But one way or

the other, Mayor-elect Bell is the voters' choice and as such, he should be given every respect and encouragement.

Last week an interested veteran of both wars called on us and together we took a drive to the Aurora cenotaph at the south end of town. We had it pointed out to us that one of the Union Jacks, flying to the south of the monument, is flying upside down, in a signal of distress. We were reminded that to fly the distress signal when help is not needed is illegal.

And soon it will be 1950. At this time we would like to extend our sincere wishes to all our readers that the coming year will have the most of the best for everyone. And we might suggest at this time, that while celebrations will be numerous this weekend, if you are going to drink, don't drive—walk, grab a cab or even latch on to that "Mule Train".

Mr. And Mrs. Paul Bennett Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett, Botsford St., Newmarket, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day. A family reunion dinner was held in their honor at the King George hotel, with their 31 children and grandchildren attending.

The table was beautifully decorated with a three-tier wedding cake trimmed with gold, and 50 yellow roses from the family, and presented by the two youngest grandchildren, Teddy Bennett, six, and Carol Bennett, three. They were also presented with some household furnishings from the family.

Out-of-town members of the family came from Owen Sound, Hamilton and Toronto. Many lovely gifts, cards and telegrams were received from friends and organizations, including a bouquet of red roses from the Office Specialty Mfg. Co. Ltd. where Mr. Bennett has worked since 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were married in London, England, in 1899 and came to Canada in 1904, and to Newmarket in 1924.

IT'S A Woman's World

By CAROLINE E. ION

The Christmas turkey is no longer "stuffed", but the same cannot be said for many who sat around the festive table. Rich foods, fruits and candy have marched in a relentless, steady procession through the nightmarish aftermaths of an enormous Christmas dinner replacing the earlier visions of sugar plums. Like Dickens' Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Christmas Yet to Come, all the anecdotes of past family gatherings have been recalled and enjoyed once again. Comparisons have been made of the Christmas puddings. Plans have been laid for future celebrations.

Most living rooms, at least two or three times a day, resemble a toy shop whose contents have just been re-arranged with a mix-in spoon. The grown-ups are "so weary" and solemnly resolve to start earlier next year. Which brings up the question as to whether the dozens of cards which are still arriving are late-mailed and later-sorted ones for Christmas, 1949, or ones mailed early to avoid the rush in Christmas, 1950?

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, we forgot for a few hours the many last-minute tasks which still awaited our attentions as they did all homemakers at this busiest of seasons. We joined other mothers (most papas were still at the office, shop or factory) at Alexander Muir school for the annual Christmas concert. Similar streams of mothers and little ones were pouring into the other schools in towns and no doubt what we witnessed at Alexander Muir was repeated at each of the others.

The concert was presented in the grade one classroom of Miss Ila Haines and it is a long time since we have seen such lovely decorations. Windows, blackboards and walls all came in for their share of the young ones' attentions and the teachers' finishing touches. The older children acted as ushers, attended to the curtains and in solos and duets served as the "filling" between the class numbers of the younger pupils.

Everyone in the audience was high in their praise of the decorations as well as of the concert itself. They all seemed to appreciate the great amount of patience and time that had been required of the teachers in their coaching of the little ones in their songs and skits. One teacher had arrived back at school soon after a tonsillectomy so that her class might do its share in the program. The lovely costumes, the clear high voices of the boys and girls in their choral numbers and the complete lack of self-consciousness among the performers made the afternoon a memorable one.

May we take this opportunity to thank all the many women's organizations who remembered us with Christmas flowers and cards. We were very thrilled, with more than a small lump-in-the-throat feeling over so many kindnesses. To one and all we wish a New Year bright with the fulfillment of the hearts' desires—happiness, health and security in the love of one's family circle.

SERVICES WELL ATTENDED
The Christmas Eve service at Trinity Anglican church, Aurora, was well attended. The choir rendered several carols and anthems. Over 150 took communion at the Christmas services.

Mr. Sam Jefferson, principal of

To The Ratepayers of Whitchurch

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation for the acclamation accorded me for reeveship for 1950 at the nomination held in Vandorf on Monday. In offering no opposition to my re-election, I accept the compliment and trust that I shall merit your approval in the forthcoming year.

As there is an election to be held next Monday for the offices of deputy-reeve and three councillors, I urge all loyal ratepayers to use their franchise and record their vote. The polls are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

EDWARD LOGAN

Township of Whitchurch

Experience is vitally necessary to fill the office of deputy-reeve of any municipality and I wish to point out that I have served our township for four years as a councillor and one year as your deputy-reeve, all of which should enable me to render you better service in the future. I solicit your vote and influence for my return as deputy-reeve for 1950.

IVAN McLAUGHLIN

POLLING MONDAY, JAN. 2, 1950

To The Ratepayers of Whitchurch Township

Having enjoyed your confidence for the past four years on council, I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to all who have in any way assisted me, and I am soliciting your support for another year as councillor.

I pledge to serve the whole township to the best of my ability at all times.

Being unable to make you all a personal call, I solicit your vote and influence for election

Monday, Jan. 2, Voting Day

Fred Timbers

TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

Alex Campbell

requests the support of voters for deputy-reeve at the municipal elections on Monday, Jan. 2, 1950.

TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR THE ELECTION OF

R. C. Baycroft

FOR COUNCIL FOR 1950

Voting Day - January 2

To the Electors of Whitchurch Township

VOTE George Styles

FOR COUNCIL 1950

VOTE HOW YOU LIKE . . . BUT VOTE

TO THE ELECTORS OF WHITCHURCH TOWNSHIP

VOTE Stanley Rule

FOR COUNCIL 1950

on Monday, January 2

Record Attendance At St. Paul's Midnight Service

The Christmas services were well attended at St. Paul's Anglican church, the Christmas decorations being especially beautiful.

The evergreens were particularly fine and abundant. They were donated by Mr. Reinke. A chancel screen of evergreens was erected at the top of the chancel steps with poinsettias at each intersection, and in front of the opening were two sparkling white Christmas trees, the gift of Mr. Murray. There were wreaths of evergreen, with deep red streamers, over each door, and in other particular places, while every window had an evergreen spray with red berries and streamers, and each pew the whole length of the aisle, had its evergreen and red berries. The flowers on the altar and in the memorial tablet vase were white chrysanthemums.

The parish hall and chapel were also suitably decorated with Christmas greens and red trimmings. There was a record attendance at the midnight celebration of Holy Communion. Christmas Eve which was choral, and again at 8.30 and 11 a.m., Christmas Day, while the carol service in the evening was also well attended, as was the Sunday school in the morning.

B. & P.'s Christmas Party Is Turkey Dinner At Hotel

Newmarket Business and Professional Women's club held a Christmas dinner party at the King George hotel on Monday evening, Dec. 19. Guests of the evening were the husbands or gentlemen friends of the members. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by those present.

Norine Ayers accompanied the carol singing and played a piano solo. Florence Goldsmith played several selections on her accordion.

A one-act comedy was introduced and directed by Vera Brown. The cast consisted of Lynn Hunter, Joyce Bothwell, Florence Goldsmith and Dorothy Bowman. All the members exchanged gifts which had previously been placed under the Christmas tree. Each guest received a cigar. Acting as Santa and doing the job with many impromptu additions was Alex Eves, adding greatly to the merriment of the party.

There was no business session, but plans were made to hold a progressive games night on Friday evening, Jan. 20. At that time, each member of the club will entertain in her own home guests at an evening of games such as bridge, euchre, canasta, etc. Following this, all will gather at the King George hotel for refreshments.

Children Take Part Salvation Army Concert

The Salvation Army hall was filled to capacity for the annual Christmas concert and entertainment which was presented on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20. The Sunday-school was divided into age groups for the various items on the program and about 14 numbers in all were enjoyed by the audience. About 30 children took part in the concert with over 100 children being present. The program came to a close with a tableau based on the nativity story.

Following the concert, Santa arrived and each boy and girl received a present and candy.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
Mrs. Rudy Rehzius, who had been a patient at Toronto General hospital, was able to be home in time to spend Christmas with Mr. Rehzius and their daughter, Renee. Mrs. Rehzius will convalesce at home. Her condition is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

MAKE CONTRIBUTION
A contribution was made to Save the Children Fund by the Newmarket Friends, as has been their custom for a number of years at the Christmas season.

St. Andrew's S.S. Concert Has Large Audience

The annual Christmas concert and party for the Sunday-school pupils of St. Andrew's church was presented on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. The concert was held in the Sunday-school room which had been appropriately decorated for the occasion.

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the varied program. Each class presented an item in the concert and the Sunday-school orchestra composed of ten members played several selections. Little Diane Haskett sang a solo and a piano solo was played by Jim Sine. Between 50 and 60 children took part in the program.

The party came to a close with the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of candy, an orange and a present to each child.

Hoped for Winter Sport Home From Bermuda Rain Disappointment

The biggest disappointment to Miss May Fry who has just returned to her home at Temperance St. in Aurora after a year in Bermuda, is the weather. When Miss Fry planned to return home and resign from her position as Sister-in-Chief of King Edward VII hospital she told all her Bermuda friends of the skiing and snow that would await her return.

In Bermuda, Miss Fry found a perfect climate that affords the many water sport fans of Bermuda a twelve-month season. Golf is also enjoyed in Bermuda 12 months of the year, although during the cool season a sunless day causes all female golfers to hide the shorts and don skirts.

Miss Fry found that the Canadian cost of living is not as high as that of Bermuda. Building is approximately three times as expensive in Bermuda as it is in Canada and rents are also much higher.

JUNIOR CHOIR WILL SING
Sunday, Jan. 1, at the morning service at 11 a.m., the Sunday-school choir under the leadership of Mrs. Gordon Noble will sing two hymns at Trinity Anglican church, Aurora.

There will be the usual 7 p.m. service.

CHIMNEY FIRE
When the trucks and scores of interested citizens arrived at 3 Pleasantview Ave. at noon today after the fire alarm blew, the

Very Few Respond To Clothing Appeal

Response to the appeal in Newmarket for good, used warm clothing for distribution among the children of Europe through the Canadian Save the Children Fund was very slight. Less than a half-dozen persons brought in donations of clothing. However, those who did contribute, were very generous in the quantities of clothing which they brought to the depot, corner of Main and Water Sts., on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15. The appeal is being sponsored locally by the Newmarket Home and School Association.

Need for financial contributions is a great as is that for soap and warm clothing. Donations may be left at the Dominion bank for the Save the Children Fund. If made this week, they can be deducted from the 1949 income tax returns.

Following is the list of articles contributed: Three men's shirts, 5 girls' woolen skirts, 6 women's top coats, 4 scarves, 1 woman's woolen suit, 1 woolen jacket, 1 woolen sweater, several cotton sweaters, 13 dresses, 4 blouses, 1 bunny bag, 1 infant's coat, baby's clothing, 1 man's overcoat, 1 pair men's shoes, 2 pairs children's shoes, 1 man's suit, socks and other articles.

Entertain Children At Christmas Party

On Thursday evening, Dec. 22, the ladies' auxiliary of C. squadron, Canadian Legion, Aurora, held its annual Christmas party for children in the armories.

The children were entertained with movies. Santa arrived in a tank amid cheers and great excitement bringing with him a gift for each child, also a bag of candies and an orange.

The children were given a supper of hot dogs, ice cream, cookies and hot chocolate. Col. and Mrs. Singleton were present. All reported having a good time.

A small fire in the stove pipes had been extinguished with no damage.

Aurora Social News

Miss G. E. Charles spent Christmas weekend with her mother, Mrs. H. Charles.

Miss E. V. Taylor, Reg. N., Toronto, spent Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hodgkinson.

Mrs. T. Hamer and Miss L. Hamer spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hamer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Merriek, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. Bolton.

Mrs. Wm. Bull and Shirley spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. Bull, Toronto.

Miss June Coleman is spending her Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman.

Master Roy Bolton is spending his Christmas holidays in Toronto with his aunt, Mrs. E. Merriek.

Miss Shirley Bull is spending Christmas holidays with Mrs. A. Green, Toronto.

Miss B. Andrews, Brampton, is spending Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Andrews.

Mrs. H. F. Foote, Peterboro, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foote.

Mr. John Foote, Peterboro, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foote.

Dr. and Mrs. N. D. Foote, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foote.

Treats of candy and oranges from the gaily decorated Christmas tree were then distributed to the Sunday-school members.

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AMNORVELD
(Delayed)
Mr. Wm. Cook is confined to bed. Hope he will soon be able to be up and around again.
Mr. Ben Armstrong is in the Toronto General hospital with a fractured hip. Mr. Armstrong will be in the hospital for some time but we hope he will continue to improve.
Mrs. A. B. Lockie is spending a few days with her brother in St. Mary's.
Mrs. Profit left on Saturday to spend some time with relatives at Napanee.
Mrs. Eliza Wellar is confined to bed, also Mrs. David Graham. We hope they will both take change and improve in health.
Mrs. I. Reid. Hostesses were Mrs. J. Gamble, Mrs. R. Howlett.

Christian Sunday-school annual Christmas concert Friday evening at the Reformed church crowded to capacity.
Mrs. M. Van Dyken and her daughter attended the Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker.



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News of the W.I. In North York
News for this column must be in the office Monday night. Copy must be written as briefly as possible and confined to news and reports. Other than routine reports and announcements will be printed separately.

The December meeting of Gormley branch was held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the home of Mrs. L. Reid.

Proverb was "Same old wish but none the less sincere, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Roll call was a Christmas hymn. There was a book shower for the orphanage and an exchange of gifts. Gazette by Mrs. G. Boynton. Program by Mrs. I. Reid. Hostesses were Mrs. J. Gamble, Mrs. R. Howlett.

Fine Orchard branch met at the home of Mrs. Leonard Hendry on Dec. 14. Program was in charge of the home economics and education committee. An interesting paper on "Newfoundland" was given by Mrs. Hendry. Christmas table decorations were discussed. A donation was voted to be given to the Hospital for Sick Children fund. A sale of home-made baking and aprons will be held at the January meeting.

The Elmhurst branch of the W.I. will meet at the home of Mrs. Williams on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Roll call "Bring antique article." A paper on historical research by Mrs. Lowndes. A contest by Mrs. L. B. Pollock. Hostesses are Mrs. Mariott, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Clark.

The Bogartown branch met on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the home of Mrs. A. Colville with a good attendance and president Mrs. Penrose in the chair. Reports of the Toronto convention were given by Mrs. McMillen, Mrs. Roy Harper and Mrs. Frank Williams read report prepared by Miss L. Starr. Mrs. Corner, Aurora, the district president, was also present and gave an address. A donation of \$15 is being sent to Hospital for Sick Children. A committee was appointed to distribute the donation of candy to the Industrial Home, Yonge St.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sharon branch will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m. Roll call: a household hint. Current events, Mrs. Cecil Pinder. Contest, Mrs. Garfield Wright. Mrs. Elton Armstrong and Mrs. B. Sinclair will address the meeting. Refreshment committee, Mrs. G. Wright, Mrs. J. Greig and Mrs. W. Oster.

The Union Street branch will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Micks on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. The motto is "Order and

method make all things easy," and the roll call will be: "Do's and don'ts for the New Year. The topic will be resolutions, and Mrs. Roy Cowieson, Mrs. S. Thompson and Mrs. O. Diceman will be in charge of the program. The hostesses will be Mrs. Carl Graham, Mrs. E. Payne, Mrs. L. Johnston and Mrs. P. Murphy.

QUEENSVILLE

Mrs. Clarkson spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Knowles, at Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pearson were in Stouffville for Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Reg. Button.

Rev. and Mrs. Large were visiting at Scarboro on Monday.

Miss Jean Cunningham is spending her holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Aylward had Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Aylward in Toronto.

Mrs. Jacob Smith is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Miles (Lena) in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, Douglas, and Mrs. Jacob Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Smith were entertained at Casa Blanca near Grimsby, as guests of a relative, Mr. N. Miller, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Burkholder spent the holiday weekend with their daughters in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burkholder, Jr., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burkholder, Sr., for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McGenerly, Keswick, enjoyed their Christmas on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Merritt McKelvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibney, Toronto, were at home over the holiday.

Those who were absent missed the beautiful service at the United church on Sunday. Several very fine anthems were sung and an excellent solo by Mr. Murray Huntley.

Among other guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Toombs and Mrs. MacKenzie for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill of Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Greig and Mrs. Wm. Greig spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greig at Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Greig and Dennis, Scarboro, had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Wm. Greig on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Mainprize, Margaret and Doug., and Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smith were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mainprize for Christmas on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Milsted attended the wedding of Mrs. Milsted's sister, Ruth, on Saturday afternoon at Gormley church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kavanagh had all their family home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smith had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stickwood entertained 27 of their children and grandchildren on Monday afternoon. The Stickwoods had Sunday Christmas dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Glover, at Ravenshoe.

CHRISTMAS TIME



says

This is still Christmas even if the Great Day is now only a beautiful memory. I think Christmas is wonderful coming on Sunday as it did this year, so we can enjoy the beautiful Christmas services in our churches. Last week was so mild, especially Thursday, that nearly everywhere you went you saw doors open, for the furnaces made indoors so uncomfortable with heat and in that case those inside, as well as us out-of-doors could hear the grand Christmas music played on the chimes from one church or the other every afternoon and several evenings. We listened for nearly two weeks over the radio to the once-a-year carols and Christmas hymns, and this week we are lost, we miss it so badly. The churches looked so Christmassy with the decorations of red berries and big red bows and poinsettias amid the evergreens. The choristers all in fresh snowy white surplices, and the Christmas Star shining above the chancel steps.

I hope everybody remembered to put food out for the birds and were good to their household pets in all the extra rush of this glad season. I know from my own experience how Puss will get underfoot demanding attention. Oh by the way, Old Smokey, my silver gray puss, had a gift all his own—a brand new red Christmas necktie. Alas! he didn't appreciate it for very long, but while he wore it he did look cute.

Now guess what? I saw a snowy white Arctic owl one day lately, and the Monday before Christmas I saw a beautiful seagull flying south. I wasn't sure about the Arctic owl till I described it to a bird-lover, Major Kelley, and he feels sure that was what it was. Two days before Christmas, when the young man who brings my bottles of milk came up the driveway to my kitchen door, he interrupted about 40 or 50 sparrows who were having a good lunch out by the lilac bush. They flew up in a cloud and here I was inside the storm door watching them—I guess he thought I hadn't much to do—but believe me I had plenty—but I never can resist watching my beloved feathered friends enjoy what I put out for them. Try it.

SHARON

The Misses Gertrude Moore, Toronto, and Marjorie of Winnipeg spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowndes and children of Keswick and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson and boys of Holland Landing spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose and Kathleen.

Mrs. R. Wreggit and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moss spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldham, Mount Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farr entertained the Lunney family on Christmas day.

Mrs. Ethel Mackie and Miss Doris Mackie, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend with the former's father, Mr. Wilfred Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall entertained their family on Christmas Monday.

Miss Ethel M. Shaw, Grand Rapids, Mich., spent a few days with her sister, Miss Nora Shaw. Mrs. McGague and Mr. Ross Mitchell spent the Christmas weekend with relatives at Cobocok.

Mr. DeBritigny and Philip spent the holiday weekend with Mrs. DeBritigny.

Mr. Jim Stevens, Kirkland Lake, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Welly Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins Have 58th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Collins celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary quietly at their home, 92 Prospect St., Newmarket, on Friday, Dec. 23. Gathered there for the occasion were members of their immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Armitage and Harry Armitage, Pine Orchard, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leach, Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have one daughter and two grandchildren. Mrs. Collins was born 85 years ago at Cherrywood in Pickering twp. and Mr. Collins, who is 87 years old, was born in Newmarket. The late Rev. Daniel Prosser, a minister at the Christian Congregational church, married the couple in 1891 at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collins. Only one guest at the wedding, Walter Collins, is still living and he attended the anniversary party on Friday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Collins are enjoying fairly good health.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday wishes are extended this week to:

Kathleen Edwards, Newmarket, 11 years old on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Helen Watt, Newmarket, 11 years old on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Jackie Sutton, Newmarket, seven years old on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Gerald Irwin Noble, Newmarket, three years old on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Patrick Brien Ewing, Newmarket, 11 years old on Friday, Dec. 23.

Linda Fletcher, Newmarket, two years old on Saturday, Dec. 24.

Nora Preston, Bethesda, 11 years old on Sunday, Dec. 25.

Jean Elizabeth Lewis, R. R. 2, Newmarket, 16 years old on Monday, Dec. 26.

Billy Woods, Schomberg, 11 years old on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Ruth Williams, Laskay, 16 years old on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

YOUNG HOPEFULS BY DOROTHY MUIR BOWMAN

Airing Troubles Is A Habit

Peggy, teenager, always has her own personal problems to discuss; though, seemingly, has no time or thought for problems other than her own.
Peggy's family and friends do considerable snickering behind her back after she has given them a detailed tale of woe regarding this, that or the other thing. With Peggy, things are always going wrong; and the time she spends expostulating over each matter is usually sufficient time to right the matter.
For instance, the morning the blouse she expected to wear that afternoon, fell from the line into a mud puddle, Peggy wasted so much time bemoaning the tragedy to the neighbors that there wasn't time left to relauder the blouse before the afternoon function.
Another time, Peggy's shoe string broke while she was shopping. By the time she had repeated the calamity a few times along the street, the shoe store was closed and Peggy had missed a chance to replace the broken ties.
It isn't as if Peggy ever discussed her little problems briefly—her problems always take on lengthy and embellished proportions when she discusses them. One of these days, instead of being amused by Peggy and her problems, those who know her will start avoiding her—unless they have time to waste.
Everyone has problems and to each one his own problems are most magnified. It is helpful to air one's problems, occasionally; but, to be audibly in a frenzy, constantly, is building a nervous habit and one which is boring to others. Peggy is very young to be establishing such a bad habit. Her friends would be doing her a great kindness if they forced her to listen to their problems and laughed at her to her face—instead of behind her back—each time she magnified one of her own personal problems.
Instead of bemoaning grievances and misfortunes, the sensible procedure is either one of quiet acceptance or one of action to remedy the situation.

Marian Martin Patterns

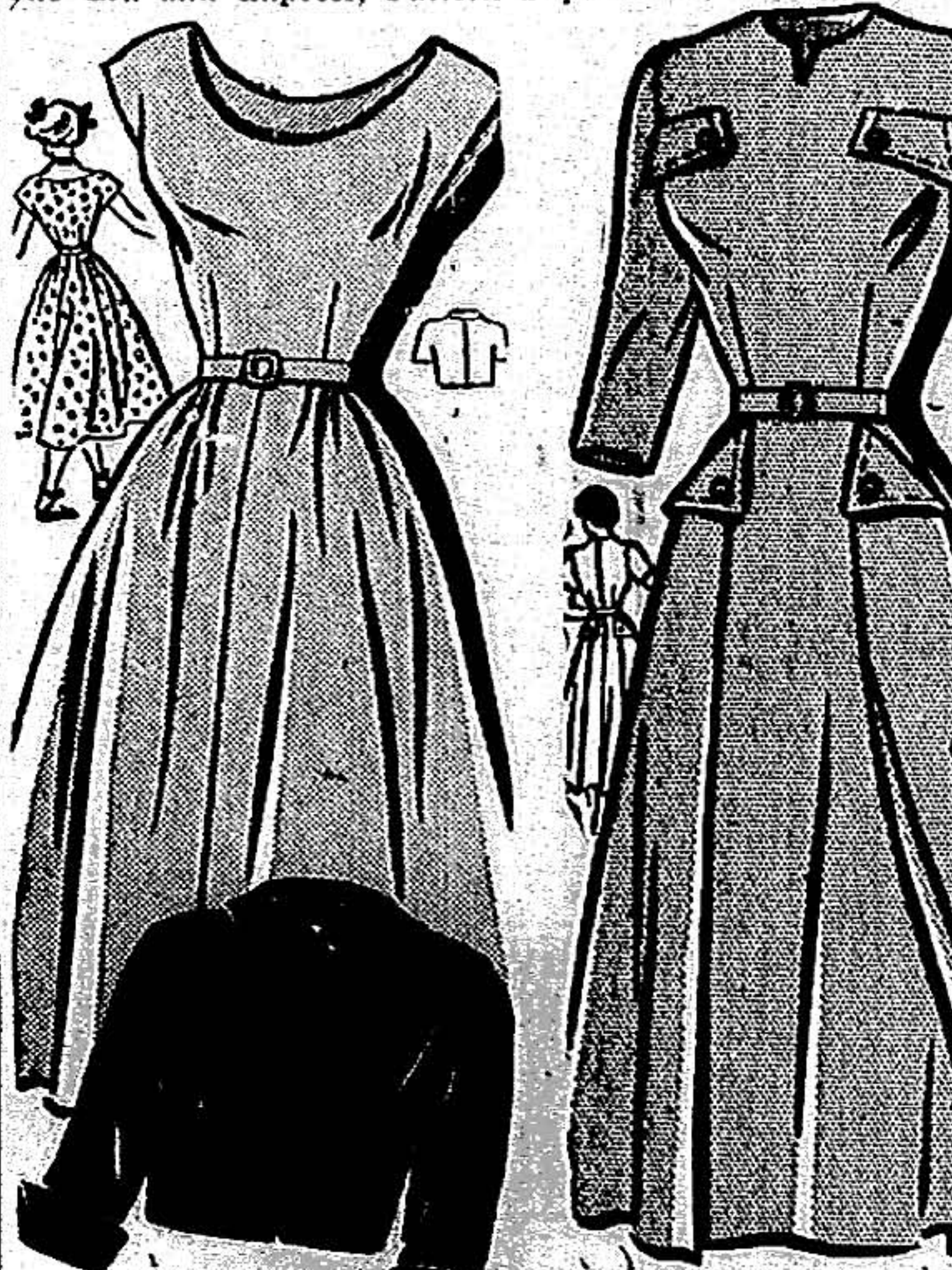


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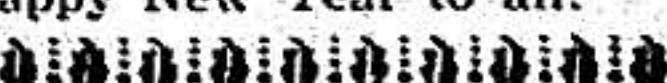
PINE ORCHARD

(Delayed)

Mrs. S. Edwards, Cedar Valley, took part in the Christmas pageant of Carlton Street United church on Sunday, Dec. 18.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the large congregation at the Union church was greatly impressed by the beautiful Christmas story pageant. The characters were well portrayed and the significance of the Christmas story was presented by readings and appropriate musical numbers.

Misses Betty Hope, Dorothy Radcliffe and Beth Johnston and Mr. A. Moddle, Aurora, were soloists. A choir under the direction of Mrs. G. P. Wood rendered several beautiful Christmas carols. Mr. Harold Moddle and the young people are to be congratulated on the success of the pageant. Many White Gifts were received for the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto. Happy New Year to all!



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On The Alleys

The before Christmas shopping spree took its toll of the bowlers. Very little league action reported at either Joe Smith's or Ernie Bennett's alleys over the past week. Most of the bowlers expect to go back on full time after the New Year.

V.L.A. bowlers kept right at their pitching this past week. Pin Ups kicked over the traces for four points. Timber Ribs tackled on three while Scatter-Pins got an empty stocking for Christmas. The V.L.A. bowlers said a sad farewell to Capt. Bruce Calder, far away of the latter club. Bruce and his family have transferred to the Toronto district and go with the best wishes of all the V.L.A. pin-spillers. Incidentally, Barbara Thompson is the team's new captain. Standing at the moment is Pin Ups 37, Timber Ribs 31 and Scatter-Pins 30.

Tom Sadeski registered a 225 single last week to keep his all-time average up to 199. Vi Curtis led the ladies' sector with a 177 single. Arlene McTavish with a 156 average over the season is tops in that department.

Davis Leather league continued unabated through the holiday season. Len Burling's crew came up

with a big night to take home the major prize—chickens. Chickens also went to Harry Thoms with a 667, Ned Tansley 604 and Stan Smith with 589 for three games. Spot prizes fell to Gord Tunney, Walt Groves, Art Bennington and Cal Davis.

The Friday nighters carried on their feud right up to and including last week. Though their scores, truth to tell, weren't up to their usual mark. League standing shows Slick Chickens with 37, Eas Stinkers third with 34 and away to rear Hep Cats with 22. Geo. McInnis gained the top honors with a 238 single count and Tom Whitfield turned in a 523 threesome for high in the men's section. Phyl Forhan with 168 single and Helen Stickwood with 416 for three games paced the ladies' competition.

Pin boy with the close of another year close at hand wants to take this opportunity of thanking one and all for their kind cooperation and to extend greetings for a Happy and Pleasant New Year with the fond wish that your high scores of 49 may be your low scores of 1950.



NEWS 'N' VIEWS

By George Haskett

ERA AND EXPRESS SPORTS EDITOR

Ah that's it! Team we spoke of as the next Metropolitan League champs. Spits did everything asked of them and did it well on Thursday. A good rousing game of hockey from every angle. Spits started artificial ice out right. They out-shot, out-fought, outskated, out-passed and out-bumped the defending champs, Sutton Greenshirts. An 11-4 dumping of the cup holders may call for a state of national emergency up on the Simcoe shores. Our Spits won't humble them again by that margin, never fear, but beat 'em they can.

After toasting our toesies by the hot stove, asking for a little help from Santa and Rudolph, the Red Nose, your Christmas stuffed scribbler throws star one to "Johnny on the Spot", Hot Shot Bill Johnston—four goals plunked in the Sutton citadel. Number two to Cliff Gunn for a bumping, thumping blue-line display. Third star to Ken Davies—who seems to know when to be where—which is something that scores goals—Davies got two. Don Smith and "Swift" Todd rate honorable mention for work beyond the call of duty. Only untoward incident—if it can be called such in best Trolley League circles, was when Don Smith and Ken Davis got wowed to cooler for fisticuffing display.

Hey what's this? Our new Metro loop teams outdoing the old hands. Sure did Monday! Navy Vets eked out a 4-3 win at Nobleton over East Coast. Two third period tallies allowed the sailors to give the Coasters the business. Where they outdid the old hands was at scrapping. Eighteen penalties, seven majors for fighting. Penalty box was occupied most of the time. It was rugged.

What an opportunity. December thaw or spring rains? Natural ice washed out. Our arena ready to take on one and all. Should be out after some of these postponed games. They're piling up in the Sutton circuit. Bradford at Trolley, Newmarket at Navy Vets, Newmarket at Aurora—no ice there yet. More before this week is out by the look

Here's the place to say adieu to '49—Welcome 1950. Happy New Year!

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Bradford Vs Spits At Arena Tonight

Bradford "Motors" and Hoffman "Spitfires" will take to burning up the ice lanes here tonight (Thursday). It promises to be a humdinger.

Bradford is immeasurably stronger than last season. Addi-

tion of Don Willson Chuck Nesbitt and Bill Boychoff, plus the fact that "Mutt" Collings, the league's leading scorer, is back in the groove, means but one thing, double trouble for any goal-keeper. Joe Magani, too, is on as a full-time workman.

Latest rumor sweeping the countryside, unconfirmed at the moment, is that Bradford will spring a couple of surprise pucks. One is none other than the former Markham "Millionaire" goal-scoring threat, Harry "Whammy" Milroy. Ray Fox, Ozark Ike to the lacrosse tribe, some shakes as a hockey player, 'tis said will be out to bolster the Bradford rear-guard.

What can Coach Stan. Smith and the Spits do to counter this load of goal-scoring talent? Well better not miss their defence or maybe it's an offense they'll set up to test the Bradford machine. Gathering point, the arena. Time, 8.30 p.m. Date, tonight, Thursday.

The humbling, taming and caging of Sutton "Greenshirts" in few words covers Thursday's opening clash in the Metropolitan league at the arena. A peppery bunch of Spits with a lot of hurry and scurry up front unleashed an 11-goal attack on a startled Greenshirt crew. The defending champions managed to lift only four shots behind Joe Tunney in the Spits' citadel. It was a rugged bumping game—penalty sheet wasn't heavy, could have been much larger as the teams forsook the puck to biffing each other around. It was crowd pleasing hockey nonetheless.

Advantage was with the Spits. They showed a smothering attack. Almost all assists to prove they were the biscuit around the mouth. Made some coach Stan. Smith verify but all in the season and our ice. Of course the Ellis "Big Boy" Myles McInnis roar from the boys topped! The game was typical Newmar-

DOWN THE CENTRE BY AB HULSE

Hulse Reviews Spits

In a few short hours, the cry of Happy New Year will ring out and we'll be singing Audie Lang Syne with the rest of you to recall the past for a brief moment and welcome the arrival of kid 1950. Before 1949 becomes but a memory let's recall some of the credit and debit entries in the sports ledger as written for posterity.

Hockey: The Metropolitan League was revived with a four-club entry and the Allan Moore trophy, in exile since 1923, was rediscovered at Zephyr. Sutton Greenshirts, led by the veteran Ellis Pringle, took the championship and then went on in the O.H.A. intermediate series to be ousted by Georgetown. Newmarket Spitfires made a fine showing to reach the finals and in O.H.A. competition bowed out to Parry Sound. Six clubs faced the "Met" barrier for '50 and among new faces in action were such favorites as Bill Boychoff, Chuck Nesbitt, Bill Mundell and Don Willson. Scribe George Haskett, beating the drums for the league, finally pinned himself down in black and white as to the outcome for '50. It will make nice reading later.

Aurora Juniors, coached by ex-pro Red Mitchell, bowed out to Weston Juniors in a five-game series by only one goal. It was drag-'em-out set-to all the way. Ted Downer, Weston, was the big noise. Weston went on to win the C series, downing Unionville Jrs. in the group finals. We thought the Unionville club which outsmarted itself by remaining idle was the flop of the year.

Markham Millionaires and Stouffville Clippers were in a series that had the Hadfield-McCoy feud billed as a Sunday-school picnic. Both clubs were sidelined by the O.H.A. in a surprise decision that never did rest well with anyone. This season both clubs are in senior B and group-ings in top-flight company. Bob Bangay and George Stark again go to the east for their hockey. Mo Walsh rated as top-ranking arbiter in the Maritimes. Record score of 25-0 was posted by Aurora juniors over Sutton kids. Pine Orchard scored Stouffville honors. Dit Clapper finally retired to private life and later lost a close decision in the political forum.

Aurora juveniles lost O.M.H.A. round to Stouffville and then took the North York honours handily. Collingwood dropped

Newmarket juveniles. Newmarket took Newmarket. Bradford kids reached in both midget and great record. Scotty's a successful year with M. and rates with the top. Maple Leafs took Stanley Cup surprising fashion for a straight triumph. They started '50 campaign fast, got reams of publicity over the Broda reducing treatment, and dropped rapidly in standing.

Otto Hardwick, Bolton, took O.M.H.A. presidency. Jack Andrews, Aurora, jumped to junior A with St. Kitts as Bill Mitchell, Aurora coach, goes to bigger things at Galt. Mitchell doubles in brass by coaching Aurora too. Artificial ice aids hockey picture as Stouffville, Nobleton, Weston, Dixie, Newmarket, Brampton and Aurora get ice in that order. The blue ribbon goes to Stouffville where a new rink was built in record time and no waste of funds. Natural ice comes to Keswick, Alliston and Woodbridge. Artificial list plans to grow bigger. Financial response appears less likely all the time.

Softball: Aurora Meteors sparked by the veteran Teddy Bennett and coached by Charlie Ryan won the Spillite trophy to give Aurora its first championship and break the spell of Newmarket Vets. Bob Bell made a new district record by folding up as umpire in game at Aurora which league proxy Fred Morris called "no contest". Play-offs finished the latest ever. Ted Summers again rated as tops among the "blind men". Mount Albert repeats in the Lake Simcoe circuit after a great struggle with Hope and Keswick. Buttonville, featuring practically an all-hockey line-up, won the Markham township crown. Newmarket ladies win the Barrie and district league but lose out to Brampton in the P.W.S.U. play-offs in a surprise upset. Victoria Square gals come from the bottom of the N.Y. ladies' league to win the championship. Gladstone Lloyd and Schomberg finally realize their dream of flood-lites. The "Berg" stadium enjoyed a great season and is the finest in the area. Bradford, led by Steve Simcoe, captures the South Simcoe league from Fenelon's. Harry Couse was still named as most valuable player in group. New Toronto Legion outplayed Newmarket Vets in O.C.A. competition. Joint M.C.B. was once again the most colorful and just about the top player in North Yonge league.

Baseball: Absence of Leonard Simmons took some pep away from baseball scene. Aurora-Newmarket union in juvenile and bantam series is a success, even if there were no championships. Whitby juveniles won over Aurora in a close series. Bowmanville put out Red Hollingsworth's Newmarket hopefuls. Loring Doolittle made debut in Toronto senior baseball with Uniques. Stouffville joined tri-county circuit as did Sutton. Both clubs have a good year but lose out in the play-offs. Yorky Smith stays on sidelines and predicted fireworks proves to be a dud rumor. Newmarket had an in-

and take fashion. Before it was much more than a minute of Bill "Hot Shot" Johnston picked up a meaty pass from Harry Gibney—the latter playing wing in this one—to dunk the puck behind a startled Sutton net minder. Spits made that stick until close to the five-minute mark. Geo. Lamont and line-mate, Geo. Holborn, deciding it was time to do something about that, worked the in front of Joe Tunney. Let go a shot that beat the net.

Well, that winds up the New Year's Eve. Probably missed a lot that should have been included and put in some that didn't quite rate mention—there it is. Happy New Year to all!

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